

street in a wheel chair by a very distressed caretaker who was screaming for help. Bob put the elderly woman in the back seat of his car. Then he entered the house, at this point unaware it was an assisted living facility. He ran down a long hallway yelling "Fire, fire, fire, is anybody here?" He entered a room to the right of the hallway and saw a woman in her nineties on oxygen in a recliner, with her back to the window and headphones in her ears. Bob pulled the phones out of her ears, lifted her into a wheel chair, rolled her out into the street and then loaded her into his car. As Bobby saw this, he ran into the building and rescued another elderly woman.

At this point the fire was licking at the homes behind the facility—the heat was intense. Firefighters and police officers were telling the Petrinis to leave, but Bob ran back into the building. In the very back he found a 96-year-old, deaf woman on oxygen, with a catheter, in a hospital bed. Racing against time, he rolled the hospital bed towards the door, only to find that it didn't fit through the frame. He ran outside for help. Bob, his son, a firefighter and a stranger who showed up out of nowhere lifted the woman from the hospital bed into a wheel chair, rolled her out to the street and put her into the car of a caretaker.

With three of the women in his car, Bob raced off to a hospital in South San Francisco while his son Bobby drove the caretaker's car with two of the seniors and the caretaker.

Bob delivered his three patients to the hospital and headed home. He didn't have a phone to tell his wife he was OK, he didn't know where his son was, and for the first time that evening, he was scared. "There was a moment when I thought I was going to lose him," he said referring to his son. But as he pulled into his driveway, he saw his son by the caretaker's car.

The other patients, including the 96-year-old lady, were taken to the hospital.

The San Bruno natural gas explosion was a horrible disaster that claimed 8 lives and destroyed 37 homes, but it was also a tragedy that brought out the best in members of this community.

Madam Speaker, Bob and Bobby Petrini risked their own lives to save five strangers. I ask that this body join me in commending them for their extraordinary act of heroism.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I was not present for votes on Monday, November 15, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 566, "yes" on rollcall vote 567, and "yes" on rollcall vote 568.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JULE SUGARMAN, FOUNDER OF HEAD START

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and work of Jule Sugarman,

who passed away earlier this month at the age of 83. I extend my thoughts and prayers to his wife, his children, and his family and friends during this very difficult time.

Some of my colleagues and those listening in the gallery or on television may not recognize the name Jule Sugarman, but they have no doubt heard of or been impacted by the Head Start Program, which he founded and helped design and implement as part of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1927, Mr. Sugarman came to Washington to attend American University, and later served in the Army for two years.

He amassed a record of achievement and dedication to public service, the American people, and to children and families specifically: serving as New York City's human resources administrator; Washington State's Department of Social and Health Services; executive director of the Special Olympics International; and deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget under President Jimmy Carter, just to name a few of his accomplishments.

But I would like to thank Mr. Sugarman explicitly and affectionately for his work on getting the Head Start program up and running. I can unequivocally say that Head Start changed my life and turned it in a new direction.

I vividly remember working as a service representative for the Pacific Telephone Company in Los Angeles in the mid 1960s, and getting excited over a newspaper advertisement I saw for the new Head Start program. They were seeking staff for this initiative, which would be run by Sargent Shriver out of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Being a mother of young children, and seeking a career path where I could help people and make a difference—despite not having official teaching credentials—I eagerly applied to be an assistant teacher.

To my surprise and delight, I was hired as a Head Start assistant teacher. In Los Angeles County the Head Start Program worked closely with community nonprofit groups like the International Federation for Settlements and Neighborhood Centers, so I worked with great people who were truly committed to putting children on a solid path to an education, combating poverty, and making our communities a safer, better place to live.

Head Start encouraged me to finish my education; taught me the importance and value of community organizing; made me acutely aware of the many issues facing our young children; and inspired me to get involved in politics to make a difference in the lives of others, particularly the least of these.

Now I am well aware that in 45 years many things have changed—some good, some bad—for our nation's children and schools. But I am convinced that Head Start's original mission to "promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enroll children and families," is as relevant as ever. I look forward to supporting it in each and every way that I can.

Thank you, Mr. Sugarman. Thank you for your wisdom, your foresight, your progressive philosophy, and your dedication to putting all children on an equal playing field.

I, and millions of other Americans, continue to be inspired by your compassion, your hu-

manity, and your life's work, all of which made our country greater.

RECOGNIZING MR. GEORGE LEE HATCHER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the 90th birthday of Mr. George Lee Hatcher. This significant milestone is certainly an incredible accomplishment.

Over the years, George has dedicated his life to serving his country and his family.

Madam Speaker, as a fellow veteran, I want to thank Mr. George Lee Hatcher for his service to this country. I want to thank him for all he has done, and I wish him nothing but the very best.

May the experience and wisdom George has attained and shared over the years encourage and teach those around him, lasting for generations to come.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF DAN FULLER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Dan Fuller, upon his retirement from the Cleveland Watercraft Division of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, ODNR. For twenty years he protected swimmers and boaters along the shores of Lake Erie with excellence and integrity.

Mr. Fuller's passion to protect people in harm's way came early in his life. When he was 10 years old, Dan and his sister Dee were playing by a creek. Dee fell in and Dan pulled her out from the eddy, saving her life.

A quarterback for his high school football team and an honors student at Hocking Technical College, Dan went on to start his career with the ODNR as a college intern and then as an entry level watercraft officer in 1980. Mr. Fuller went on to become a watercraft specialist, a self defense instructor and an area supervisor. He diligently worked to improve methods and programs in water safety; he led the effort to implement the first certified self-defense course for the Lake Erie Division of Watercraft Safety. He enforced boating laws, taught boating safety and was instrumental in bringing together law enforcement agencies to work toward the common goal of keeping Lake Erie waterways safe and secure.

Mr. Fuller established the Central Lake Erie Law Enforcement Agency and facilitated regularly scheduled meetings for the past ten years. For the past decade, he served as the Supervisor of the Cleveland Watercraft Office, where he was in charge of staff coordination, educational efforts and waterway law enforcement. Mr. Fuller's work has been recognized with several honors and awards, including the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers Award, National Water Safety Congress Award and Officer of the Year Award.